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Faith Ringgold to Lecture at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Renowned African-American Artist to make CMA Debut

CLEVELAND (June 3, 2004) — The Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) announces a special lecture presented by Faith Ringgold, professor of art at the University of California at San Diego, as part of the programming for the exhibition **The Quilts of Gee's Bend** (June 27 to Sept. 12, 2004). This unique lecture marks her first appearance at the Museum.

Faith Ringgold: More Than 30 Years will be presented on **Sun., July 25, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in the Museum's Gartner Auditorium.** A Q&A session and book signing will follow the lecture, which is presented by the Women's Council of the Cleveland Museum of Art and sponsored by Dominion and American Greetings. Tickets are available for \$15; CMA members \$10, students \$5 by calling (216) 421-7350, 1-888-CMA-0033 or online at www.clevelandart.org.

The Womens Council of CMA is proud to partner with Dominion and American Greetings in supporting the CMA School Bus Fund initiative for the upcoming year. Net proceeds from Ms. Ringgold's lecture will be directly applied to the CMA School Bus Fund established by The Womens Council in 2001. The Fund now serves students and their teachers in the Cleveland and East Cleveland public schools and last year provided for visits to CMA by 7,152 students.

Faith Ringgold has been traveling to colleges, universities and museums around the United States since the 1970s, presenting inspiring, humorous and socially important lectures not only about art, but the civil rights movement as well. Her presentations include an illustration of her life's work and offer a look at the evolution of her artwork, including: paintings, sculptures, dolls, masks, thangkas, children's books and forays into performance art.

She began to paint more than 35 years ago while teaching in the New York City public school system. Today, Faith Ringgold is an artist, activist, college professor and parent, best known for her printed story quilts. Her unique quilt creations, composed of paint and quilted fabric, are used to combine storytelling tradition with contemporary issues, often times depicting the struggles of African Americans.

As an artist, Faith Ringgold is world renowned and has exhibited her artwork in major museums around the United States including: The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art and The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York. Her work has also been shown around the world in such places as Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. She has received more than 75 awards, fellowships and honors including: The Solomon R. Guggenheim Fellowship for

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painting, two National Endowment for the Arts Awards, 17 honorary doctorates and a multitude of various other recognitions and citations.

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The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The Museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the Museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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